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Remarks

Claims 16-21 and 34 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious in view of claims 1-13 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,800,297 to Altreuter *et al.* In response, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicants are also submitting a Notice of Appeal and will submit an Appeal Brief to appeal the Examiner's final rejection of claims 16-21 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0018072 to Unger ("Unger").

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